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## CHILE.

*Report from Iquique—Sanitary conditions at Arica and Antofagasta—Plague.*

The following is received from Consul Mackirdy, under date of June 8:

The consular agent at Arica reported, March 31:

There is no sewerage system at Arica. The soil on which the town is built is sandy and there is no vegetation except in those portions of the suburbs which have the benefit of irrigation from a small river near the town, or by a system of wells. In the lower part of the town the subsoil is gravel and there is a good supply of water not far from the surface. The municipality keeps the streets clean by an ordinance requiring all householders to sweep the street opposite their houses to the middle of the roadway, and this order is strictly enforced by the police. Refuse is collected daily from the houses and streets by the municipal carts and destroyed outside the town.

The public wells are open and quite unprotected against contamination of all kinds.

This port is a sanitary station for ships arriving from Peruvian and other northern ports bound for Chilean ports. It has a special medical sanitary officer who visits all vessels on arrival and supervises their fumigation.

There is a fairly well managed hospital.

At certain times of the year there is a good deal of malarial fever, but it appears to be of a very mild type. In some of the surrounding valleys the inhabitants suffer very much from it. The town has known in the past several epidemics of smallpox, scarlet fever, and bubonic plague. At present there are several cases of the latter disease under treatment. The fatal cases of plague have been of late very few. At the present time, with the exceptions noted, the public health is good.

*Conditions at Antofagasta—Plague and smallpox.*

[Statement from press report.]

The statistics for the year 1907 show 1,778 deaths. Population 8,000. The sanitary conditions are very bad and no action is taken by the municipality to improve them. Epidemics of smallpox and bubonic plague have diffused themselves throughout the city, causing many deaths. Tuberculosis is endemic, with considerable mortality.

## CHINA.

*Report from Canton—Quarantine against port on account of plague.*

Vice-Consul-General Hull reports, June 10:

The commissioner of customs at this port is in receipt of a telegram from Shanghai stating that until further notice quarantine regulations will be enforced against this port owing to the existence here of bubonic plague. Although the disease is not present in epidemic form the situation in Hongkong appears to be quite serious, and on account of the immense traffic between Canton and that port the conditions are being carefully watched.